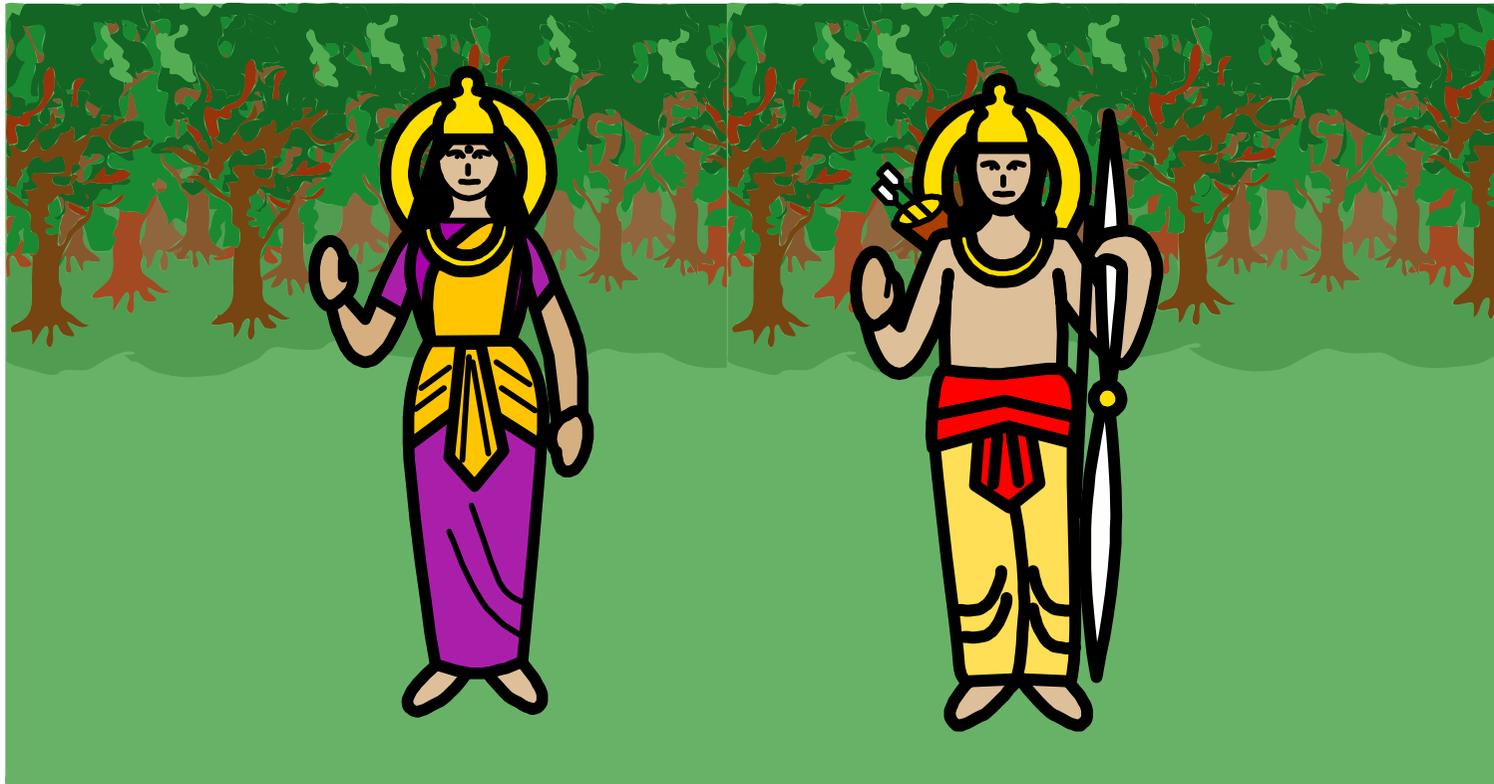
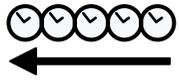
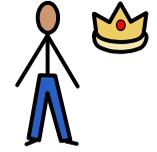


The Story of Rama and Sita





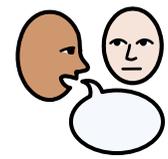
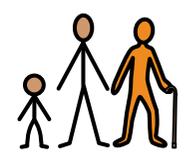
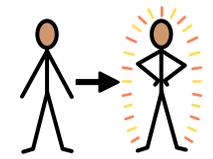
A long time ago there lived a Prince called Rama.



He married a Princess called Sita.

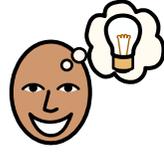
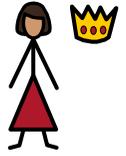


Rama's father was becoming very old.



He told Rama he wanted him to be King.





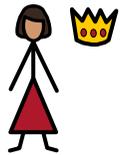
The Queen did not like this idea.



She wanted Rama's brother to be King.



His name was Prince Bharat.

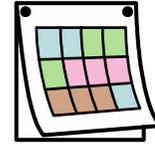


The Queen asked the King to send Rama away.

The King sent Rama away for 14 years.



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His brother Prince Lakshman went too.



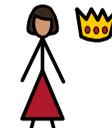
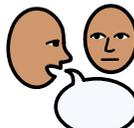
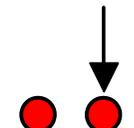
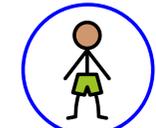
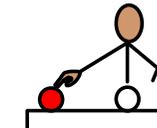
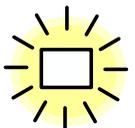
Rama, Sita and Lakshman lived in the forest.



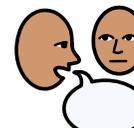
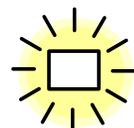
They lived there for a very long time.



    
Sadly, after a while the old King died.

       
The Queen told her other son that he could be the new King.

  
But Prince Bharat did not want to be King.

     
He said he would fetch Rama back to be the new King.



Prince Bharat



found



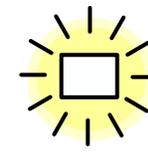
Rama

and



asked

him to be the



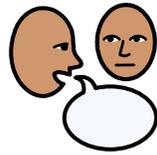
new



King.

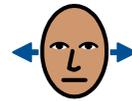


But Rama



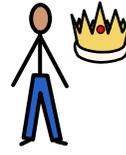
said

he



would not

be



King

just



yet.



He had

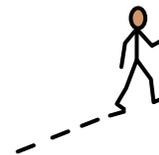
promised

his



father

he would



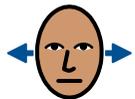
stay away

for

14



years.



He did not



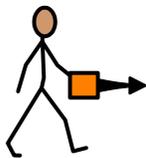
want to



break his promise.



Prince Bharat



took



Rama's



golden sandals



back to



the palace.



He placed



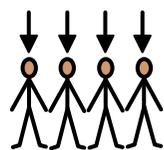
them



on the throne.



This was to remind



everyone

that

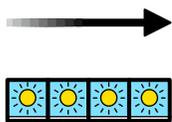


Rama

would



return.



One day



Rama

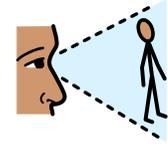
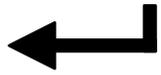
would be the



rightful



King.



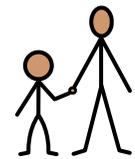
Back in the forest a nasty demon was watching Sita.



The demon was called Ravana.



When Rama and Lakshman went hunting, Ravana captured Sita.



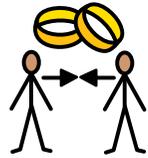
He took her away to his castle on an island.



Ravana



wanted to

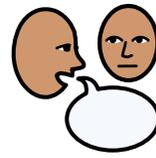


marry

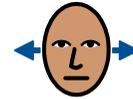


Sita

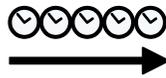
but she



said



"NO!!!"



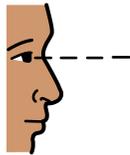
He kept her prisoner for a long time.



While



Rama



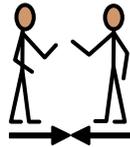
searched

for



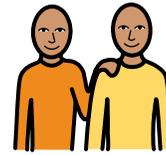
Sita,

he



met

a



friend



called



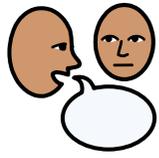
Hanuman.



He was King of the monkeys.



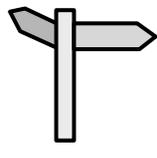
Hanuman



told



Rama



where



Sita

was being kept

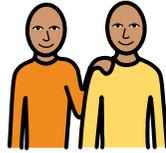


prisoner.

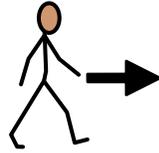


Rama

and his



friends



set off

to



fight



Ravana

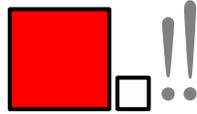
and



save



Sita.



There was a

huge



battle

and



Ravana

was



killed.



Rama



saved



Sita

and they

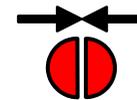


lived



happily

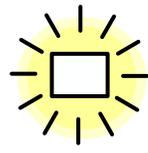
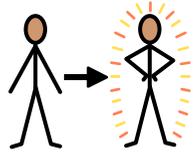
together again



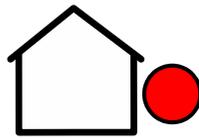
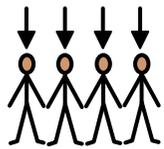
at last.



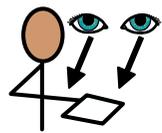
It was time for Rama to return to the palace



to become the new King.



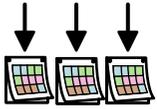
Everyone put little lights outside their houses



to show them the way.



These lights were called divas.



Every year Hindu and Sikh people have these little lights



in their houses.



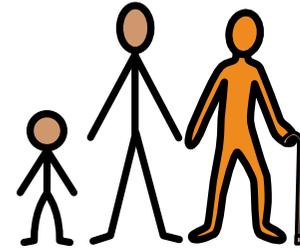
It reminds them of the story of Rama and Sita.



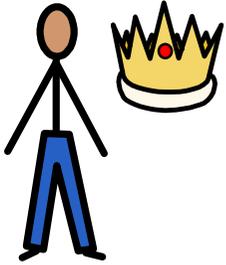
Rama



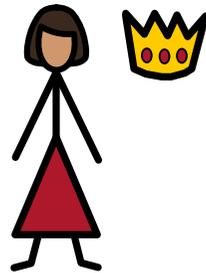
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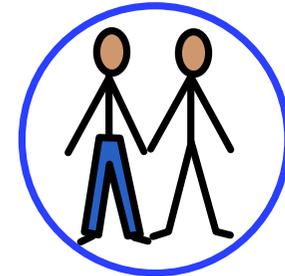
old



King



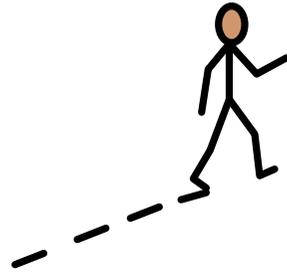
Queen



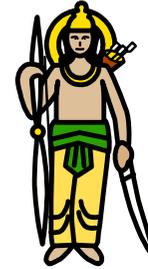
brother



Prince Bharat



away



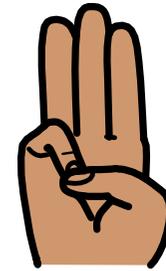
Lakshman



forest



died



promise



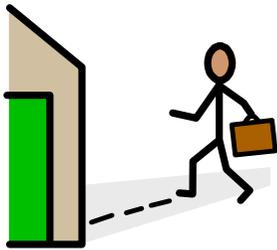
golden sandals



palace



throne



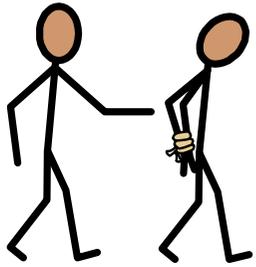
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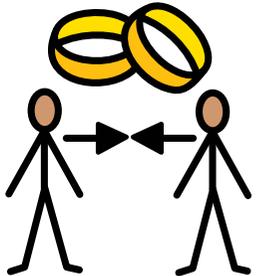
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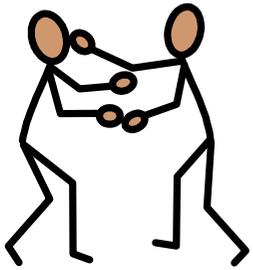
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Hanuman



fight



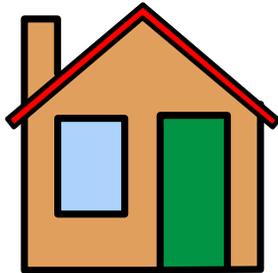
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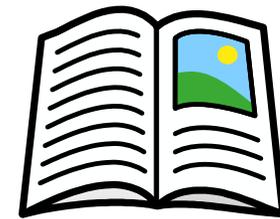
killed



divas



houses



story